

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for facilitating group management functionality of a group publication, comprising:
 - maintaining a group instantiation including information representing a group of members and a group activity participated in by said members;
 - creating a website structure instantiation including content fields corresponding to at least a portion of said information; and
 - creating a group activity publication layout including content fields corresponding to at least a portion of said information to enable designation of participant profile content.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein:
 - maintaining the information instantiation is performed by an information management module of a group management system;
 - creating the website structure instantiation is performed by a group communication module of the group management system; and
 - creating the group activity publication layout is performed by a group activity publishing module of the group management system.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein:
 - creating the website structure instantiation includes associating each one of said website structure instantiation content fields with a respective portion of said information; and

creating the group activity publication layout includes associating at least a portion of said publication layout content fields with respective portions of said information.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein:

said information includes an administrator dataset and a plurality of participant datasets;

the administrator dataset includes administrator content for at least one of the group activity publication and the website structure instantiation and includes content parameters for at least one of a group activity publication and a website structure instantiation;

each one of said participant datasets includes participant content for at least one of the group activity publication and the website structure instantiation; and

creating the website structure instantiation includes populating a website template instantiation with respective portions of said participant content and said administrator content at least partially dependent upon said content parameters.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, further comprising:

automatically updating content of the website structure instantiation in response to corresponding portions said datasets being altered thereby enabling said content of the website structure instantiation being dynamically maintained.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein creating the website structure instantiation includes:

providing the website structure instantiation with a first access level through which group activity publication creation functionality is exclusively accessible;

providing the website structure instantiation with a second access level including a plurality of respective content fields, wherein a first portion of said content fields of the second access level are system-defined and a second portion of said content fields of the second access level are specified through access to the first access level; and

providing the website structure instantiation with a third access level including publicly accessible content, wherein information comprising said publicly accessible content is inputted through at least one of the first access level and the second access level.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein:

the group activity publication layout includes a plurality of publication content fields; and

said creating the group activity publication layout includes associating each one of said publication content fields with a respective portion of said information.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein:

creating the group activity publication includes preparing a group activity publication layout, wherein the group activity publication layout includes system-defined content fields and optional content fields corresponding to user-selected publication content options.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein creating the group activity publication layout includes:

accessing group activity publication layout information in response to a user requesting creation of an activity publication, wherein said group activity publication layout information designates a plurality of textual content fields and a plurality of image content fields;

associating at least a portion of said textual content fields with respective portions of content of the website structure instantiation; and

associating each one of said image content fields with a respective one of a plurality of image instantiations.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein creating the group activity publication layout includes:

accessing group activity publication layout information corresponding to the group instantiation, wherein said group activity publication layout information designates a plurality of publication content fields; and

associating each one of said publication content fields with a respective portion of said information representing the group of members and the group activity participated in by said members.

11. (Currently Amended) A group management system for facilitating group management functionality of a group publication, comprising:

at least one data processing device;

instructions processable by said at least one data processing device;

and

an apparatus from which said instructions are accessible by said at least one data processing device;

wherein said instructions are configured for enabling said at least one data processing device to facilitate:

maintaining a group instantiation including information representing associated with a group of members and a group activity participated in by said members;

creating a website structure instantiation including content fields corresponding to at least a portion of said information; and

creating a group activity publication layout including content fields corresponding to at least a portion of said information to enable designation of participant profile content.

12. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11 wherein:

maintaining the information instantiation is performed by an information management module of a group management system;

creating the website structure instantiation is performed by a group communication module of the group management system; and

creating the group activity publication layout is performed by a group activity publishing module of the group management system.

13. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11 wherein:

creating the website structure instantiation includes associating each one of said website structure instantiation content fields with a respective portion of said information; and

creating the group activity publication layout includes associating at least a portion of said publication layout content fields with respective portions of said information.

14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11 wherein:

said information includes an administrator dataset and a plurality of participant datasets;

the administrator dataset includes administrator content for at least one of the group activity publication and the website structure instantiation and includes content parameters for at least one of a group activity publication and a website structure instantiation;

each one of said participant datasets includes participant content for at least one of the group activity publication and the website structure instantiation; and creating the website structure instantiation includes populating a website template instantiation with respective portions of said participant content and said administrator content at least partially dependent upon said content parameters.

15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14 wherein said at least one data processing device is further configured for automatically updating content of the website structure instantiation in response to corresponding portions said datasets being altered thereby enabling said content of the website structure instantiation being dynamically maintained.

16. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11 wherein creating the website structure instantiation includes:

providing the website structure instantiation with a first access level through which group activity publication creation functionality is exclusively accessible;

providing the website structure instantiation with a second access level including a plurality of respective content fields, wherein a first portion of said content fields of the second access level are system-defined and a second portion of said content fields of the second access level are specified through access to the first access level; and

providing the website structure instantiation with a third access level including publicly accessible content, wherein information comprising said publicly accessible content is inputted through at least one of the first access level and the second access level.

17. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11 wherein:

the group activity publication layout includes a plurality of publication content fields; and

creating the group activity publication layout includes associating each one of said publication content fields with a respective portion of said information.

18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11 wherein creating the group activity publication includes preparing a group activity publication layout, wherein the group activity publication layout includes system-defined content fields and optional content fields corresponding to user-selected publication content options.

19. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11 wherein creating the group activity publication layout includes:

accessing group activity publication layout information in response to a user requesting creation of an activity publication, wherein said group activity publication layout information designated a plurality of textual content fields and a plurality of image content fields;

associating at least a portion of said textual content fields with respective portions of content of the website structure instantiation; and

associating each one of said image content fields with a respective one of a plurality of image instantiations.

20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11 wherein creating the group activity publication layout includes:

accessing group activity publication layout information corresponding to the group instantiation, wherein said group activity publication layout information designates a plurality of publication content fields; and

associating each one of said publication content fields with a respective portion of said information representing the group of members and the group activity participated in by said members.

21. (Currently Amended) A group management system, comprising:

an information management module configured for managing information associated with a group of members and a group activity participated in by said members;

a group activity publishing module configured for facilitating creation of a group activity publication layout to enable designation of participant profile content; and

a communication module configured for automatically creating and dynamically maintaining a website structure instantiation.

22. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 21 wherein:

said facilitating creation of the group activity publication layout is performed dependent upon accessing at least a portion of said information maintained by the information management module; and

said creating and maintaining the website structure instantiation are performed dependent upon accessing at least a portion of said information maintained by the information management ~~module~~ module.

23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21 wherein each one of said modules are integrated with each other one of said modules for enabling sharing of information and functionality therebetween.

24. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 21 wherein the communication module is further configured for ~~for~~ transmitting, for reception by a designated

portion of said members, portions of said information maintained by the information management module.

25.(Previously Presented) The system of claim 21 wherein:

creating the website structure instantiation includes associating each one of the website structure instantiation content fields with a respective portion of creating the group activity publication layout includes associating at least a portion of said publication layout content fields with respective portions of said information.

26. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21 wherein:

creating the website structure instantiation includes populating a website template instantiation with portions of group content; and
said information includes said group content.